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It was reported recently that members of the California National Guard are being pressured to repay enlistment bonuses that they received when they agreed to deploy to Iraq and or Afghanistan. The bonuses were also provided to those guardsmen that agree to stay on and serve for multiple tours of duty. Some of the payments being demanded back by bureaucrats in the United States Department of Defense were issued over ten years ago. For many of these veterans, who put their lives on hold to fight for their country, this action is disrespectful of the sacrifices their families made. It also creates significant financial hardships.

It is simply outrageous that we would treat veterans in this manner. And it is unacceptable.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE, that the Board of Supervisors send a five-signature letter to the President of the United States, Governor of California, all members of Congress, the Secretary of Defense and to the Adjutant General of the California National Guard expressing our strong disagreement with this callous action, and demanding that any further pressure put on veterans to return these bonuses cease immediately.

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